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WINE OF CARDUI

ARMS AND THE WOMAN.

(Continued from Sixth Page.)

It was one of the most noted pistol shots and swordsmen on the continent and that if I had any particular and for my epidermis I would cease attendance on the princess at once. I was made more attentive in ever, for I can hold my own with a rapier when it comes to pistols, and I can handle the rapier with some success.

It was one night at the opera that the climax was brought about. I sat one of the stalls diagonally across from the royal box where she sat. She and I gave me the barest nod of recognition. Perhaps she did not wish to attract the attention of the royal sonages who sat with her, for the first and second acts a note was addressed to me. It was not addressed, it was signed. But it was for the bearer spoke my name. As far as I can remember the note contained these words:

A carriage will await you two o'clock. It will be without lights. It will enter it exactly ten minutes after the opera is ended."

That was all, but it was enough. I returned to my seat. I found the princess gazing intently at me. I gave her an affirmative gesture and was rewarded with a smile which set my teeth to quivering. I made little out of it. I could not dream what an anonymous note had behind it. I pictured an intrigue, but what use was she for me, an American, a very body? Something unusual was about to take place, and I was to be a witness or a participant of it. That was far as my talent for logical deduction went. Promptly at the stated time I stood at the side of the carriage. It was the plainest sort of an affair. I had been hired for the occasion. The door opened.

"Step in, monsieur," said a low voice. French. I obeyed. The horse started. As we spun along the pavement a light flashed into the window. The princess sat before me. There was a glimmer in my ears, and I breathed freely. I said no word. It was her to speak first.

"Monsieur is an American," she began. "The American is of a chivalric race."

"That should be the aim of all men," I replied.

"But it is not so. Monsieur, I have been studying you for the past week. I place my honor and my fame in your hands. It is for you to prove that you are a knight. I trust you. Then I have said what I shall say to you, you may withdraw or give me your aid, as you please."

"I am grateful for your confidence, your highness," said I. "What is it that you wish me to do?"

"Have patience, monsieur, till the deed is done," she said. "Do not speak again till I permit you. I must think."

The journey was accomplished in half an hour.

"It is here, monsieur, that we alight," said the carriage stopped.

It was glad that her opera cloak was dark material and that she wore a veil.

The building before which we stood was on the outskirts of the city. Far away to my left I could see the flickering lights of the palaces. A yellowish haze hung over all. Once within the building I noted with surprise the luxurious appointments. Plainly it was a common inn, a resort for the middle and traveling classes. Whether it was patronized by the nobility I could only surmise.

"We shall continue to speak in

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French," she said as she threw back her cloak and lifted her veil. "Monsieur has probably heard that the Princess Hildegarde is a creature of extravagant caprices, and he expects an escape."

"Your highness wrongs me," I protested. "I am an obscure American. Your highness does not share your—that is."

I stopped, not wishing to give the term escape to anything she might do. As a matter of fact she has caused her royal guardian, the king, no end of trouble. She went to Paris once unattended. At another time she roamed around Heidelberg and slashed a fencing master. She had donned a student's garb. She is said to be the finest swordswoman on the continent. Yet notwithstanding her caprices she is a noble minded woman. She does all these things called social vagaries because she has a fine scorn for the innate hypocrisy of the social organization of this country. She loves freedom not wisely, but too well. To go on:

"Monsieur wrongs me also," she said. "In what are termed my escapades I am alone. You appealed to me," with a directness which amazed me, "because of your handsome face, your elegant form, your bright eyes. You are a man who loves adventure which has the spice of danger in it. My countrymen—She crooked one of her bare shoulders, which shone like yellow ivory in the subdued light. This rank flattery cooled me. A woman who has any regard for a man is not likely to flatter him in respect to his looks on so short and slight an acquaintance. "Monsieur," she proceeded, "this is to be no

escape, no caprice. I ask your aid as a desperate woman. At court I can find no one to succor me save at the peril of that which is dearer to me than my life. Among the commoners who would dare? An Englishman? It is too much trouble. A Frenchman? I would trust him not quite so far as the door. You are the first American not connected with the legation I have ever met. Will you help me?"

"If what you ask me to do is within my capabilities, I am yours to command."

"The reward will be small." As if to try me.

I laughed. I was so insanely happy. I suppose.

"There will be danger," she persisted. "secret danger. There will be scandal."

"The more danger the merrier," I cried.

"Ah, yes," smiling: "it is the man of Balkistan."

I leaned over the table and inhaled the ineffable perfumes which emanated from her person. Tent me from what must I succor the princess? Is she a prisoner in a castle over which some ogre rules? Well, then, I'll be Sir Galahad. My jesting tone jarred on her nerves. She straightened in her chair.

"Monsieur is amused," she said coldly.

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"And he asks a thousand pardons," cried contritely. "Command me," and I grew chilled and serious.

"You have heard that I am to wed Prince Ernst of Wurttemberg?"

"Yes," I gnawed the ends of my mustache.

"Monsieur, it is against my will, my whole being. I have no desire to contribute a principality and a wife to a man who is not worthy of one or the other. I refuse to become the king's puppet notwithstanding his power to take away my principality and leave me comparatively without resources. I detest this man so thoroughly that I cannot hate him. I abhor him. It is you who must save me from him. It is you who must also save me my principality. Oh, they envy me, these poor people, because I am a princess, because I dwell in the tinsel glitter of the court. Could they but know how I envy their lives, their homes, their humble ambitions! Believe me, monsieur, as yet I love no man. But that is no reason why I should link my life to that of a man to whom virtue in a woman means nothing. He caused my mother great sorrow. He came between her and my father. He spoiled her life. Now he wishes to spoil mine."

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up my principality rather. But first let me try to see if I cannot retain the one and rid myself of the other. Listen. Tomorrow night there will be a dinner here. The king and the inner court will hold forth. But they will cast aside their pomp and become for the time being ordinary people. The prince will be in Brussels and therefore unable to attend. You are to come in his stead."

"I?" in astonishment.

"Even so," she smiled. "While the festivities are at their height you and I will secretly leave and return to the city. We shall go immediately to the station, thence to France."

I looked at her as one in a dream. "I—You! Thence to France?"

CHAPTER V.

Hillars went to the sideboard and emptied half a glass of brandy. Coming back to his chair, he remained in a reverie for a short time. Then he resumed his narrative:

The princess looked up into my face and smiled.

"Yes; thence to France. Ah, I could go alone. But listen, monsieur. Above all things there must be a scandal. A princess elopes with an American adventurer. The prince will withdraw his suit. The king may or may not forgive me, but I will risk it. He is still somewhat fond of me notwithstanding the worry I have caused him. This way is the only method by which I can convince him how detestable this engagement is to me. Yet my freedom is more to me than my principality. Let the king bestow it upon whom he will. I shall become a teacher of languages or something of that sort. Oh, you will be free and happy. Oh, you will have a merry tale to tell, a merry adventure. You will return to your country. You will be the envy of your countrymen. You will recount at your clubs a story such as men read, but never hear told." She was growing a

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or hysterical. As she looked at me she saw that my face was grave.

"Is there no other way?" I asked.

"Can it not be accomplished without scandal?"

"No. There must be scandal. Otherwise I should be brought back and forgiven, and no one would know. In a certain sense I am valuable. The Hohenzollerns love me. I am something of an idol to them. The king appreciates my rule. It gives him a knowledge that there will be no internal troubles in Hohenzollern so long as matters stand as they now do. Still, there are limits to the king's patience, and I am about to try them severely. But monsieur hesitates. He will withdraw his promise."

"No, your highness," said I. "I have given my word. As for the scandal, it is not for myself that I care. It will be a jolly adventure for me, and then I shall have such a clever story to tell my friends at the clubs."

She saw that I was offended. "Forgive me, monsieur. I know that you would do no such thing. But let me explain to you. At the station we will be intercepted by two trusted and high officials at court."

"What?" I exclaimed. "Do they know?"

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meet a thousand thanks to do you service. What you ask me to do is quite simple." I knew that I should lose my head in case of failure. I rose and bowed as unconcernedly as though she had but asked me to join her with a cup of tea.

"Ah, monsieur, you are a man!" And she laughed softly as she saw me throw back my shoulders. There was unmistakable admiration in her eyes. "And yet," with a sudden frown, "there will be danger. You may slip. You may become injured. Yes, there is danger."

"Your highness," said I lowly, compelling her eyes to meet mine, "it is not the danger of the adventure or its results that I most fear." I was honest enough to make my meaning clear.

She blushed. "I said that I trusted monsieur's honor," was her rejoinder. "Come," with a return of her imperiousness, "it is time that we were gone." She drew on her cloak and dropped the veil. "I might add," she said, "that we will remain in France one hour. From there you may go your way, and I shall go secretly to my palace."

And the glamour fell away like the last leaves of the year.

I had to wake up the driver, who had fallen asleep.

"Where shall I say?" I asked.

"To your hotel. I shall give the driver the remaining instructions."

"But you haven't told me," said I, as I took my place in the carriage, "how I am to become a guest at the dinner to-morrow evening?"

"I spoke to the king this morning. He replied that if I would promise it to be my last he would grant it. I promised. I said that it was my desire to bring to the dinner a person who though without rank was a gentleman, one who would grace any gathering, kindly or otherwise. My word was sufficient. I knew before I asked you that you would come. Twenty-four hours from now we—that is, you and I—will be on the way to the French frontier. I shall be ever in your debt."

Silence fell upon us. I knew that I loved her with a love that was burning me up, consuming me. And the adventure was all so unheard of for these prosaic times! And so full of the charm of mystery was she that I had not been a man, not to have fallen a victim. What possibilities suggested themselves to me as we rode! Once across the frontier I should be free to confess my love for her. A princess? What of that? She would be only a woman—the woman I loved. I trembled. Something might happen so that she would have to turn to me. If the king refused to forgive her, she was mine! Ah, that plain carriage held a wonderful dream that night. At length—too shortly for me—the vehicle drew up in front of my hotel. As I was about to alight her hand stretched toward me. But instead of kissing it I pressed my lips on her round white arm. As though my lips burned, she drew back.

"Have a care, monsieur; have a care," she said icily. "Such a kiss has to be won."

I stammered an apology and stepped out. Then I heard a low laugh. "Good night, Mr. Hillars. You are a brave gentleman!"

The door closed, and the vehicle sped away into the darkness. I stood looking after it, bewildered. Her last words were spoken in pure English.

With the following evening came the dinner, and I as a guest—a nervous, self-conscious guest who started at every footstep. I was presented to the king, who eyed me curiously. Seeing that I wore a medal such as his chancellor gives to men who sometimes do his country service, he spoke to me and inquired how I had obtained it. It was an affair similar to the Balkistan, only there was not an army, but a mob. The princess was enchanting. I grew reckless and let her read my eyes more than once, but she pretended not to see what was in them. At dinner a toast was given to his majesty. It was made with those steins I showed you, Jack.

The princess said softly to me, kissing the rim of the stein she held. "My toast is not to the king, but to the gentleman!" I had both steins bunched up and left with the host together with my address.

It was not long after that the eventful moment for our flight arrived. I knew that I was basely to abuse the hospitality of the king. But what is a king to a man in love? Presently we two were alone in the garden, the princess and myself. She was whispering instructions, telling me that I was a man of courage.

"It is not too late to back out," she said.

"I would face a thousand kings rather," I replied.

We could see at the gate the carriage which was to take us to the station. Now came the moment when I was tried by the crucible and found to be dross. I committed the most foolish blunder of my life. My love suddenly overleaped its bounds. In a moment my arms were around her lithe body; my lips met hers squarely. After it was done she stood very still, as if incapable of understanding my offense.

"I understood. I was overwhelmed with remorse, love and regret. I had made impossible what might have been."

"Your highness," I cried, "I could not help it! Before God I could not! It is because I love you better than anything in the world—you cannot be of it—and all this is impossible, this going away together."

Her bosom heaved, and her eyes flashed like a heated summer sky.

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"I will give you one minute to leave this place," she said, her tones as even and as cold as sudden repression of wrath could make them. "I trust you, and you have dared to take advantage of what seemed my helplessness. It is well indeed for you that you committed this outrage before I was too late. I should have killed you then. I might have known. Could ever a woman trust a man?" She laughed contemptuously. "You would have made me a thing of scorn, and I trusted you!"

"As God is my judge," I cried, "my respect for you is as high as heaven."